

GERMANS HAMMERING AT GATES OF GRODNO, LAST OF POLAND'S FORTS

MEXICAN BANDITS BLOW UP TRAIN AND SHOOT THOSE ON BOARD; AMERICAN IS VICTIM

E. F. Welles, Auditor of Plantation Company, Is Killed in Interior.

ZAPATA IS HEARD FROM

Carranza Only Leader Who Has Not Accepted Pan-American Proposal.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 30.—Official dispatches from Vera Cruz today tell of the receipt of mail reports from the killing of E. F. Welles, an American auditor of the Pan-American plantation company. Details were given further than that Welles was killed by bandits who blew up a train and shot the passengers of whom Welles was one.

The state department today acknowledged receipt of General Zapata's acceptance of the Pan-American peace proposal. Favorable replies now have been received from practically all chiefs on the Carranza forces.

Villa and Zapata agents here said today that a peace conference would be called in uncontrolled territory in Mexico to get up a provisional government. They said it was possible that the Carranza conference would be asked to arrange the details.

The state department today received Carranza's reply to the Pan-American peace proposal. Carranza's reply was favorable and he is at work to induce him to join the Carranza forces.

Stell Reports to Lansing.

Major General Scott, chief of staff of the army, was ready to report to Secretary Lansing today the results of his special mission to the Mexican border for the state department in furtherance of the Pan-American peace plans.

General Scott conferred with General Villa and adjusted troubles due to the seizure of property of foreign merchants at Chihuahua and also discussed with him the Pan-American peace proposal, which the northern chief and his followers have accepted.

The Pan-American conference will be held again until General Carranza responds to their appeal. Carranza's agents said they looked for it today. The conference will be held in the city of Mexico. Carranza's agents said they looked for it today. The conference will be held in the city of Mexico.

STRIKERS AGAIN IN FACTORY JOBS

Hundreds Return to Places in Bridgeport, Having Won Fight for Eight-Hour Day.

Bridgeport, Conn., Aug. 30.—Many hundreds of factory workers who had been on strike recently returned to their accustomed tasks today. Their differences with employers over hours and compensation having been adjusted. In nearly every instance the workers have entered upon the eight-hour schedule without a reduction in wages. The largest delegation of returning employees was that of upwards of 500 girls at the Crown and the George C. Batchelder cement companies.

A conference was begun today on the question of ordering a general strike against the Remington Arms and Ammunition company because of alleged discriminations against workers in one trade and the discharge of four men who served on a shop committee.

While the conference will deal specifically with the alleged grievances at the Remington plant, plans for the campaigns for an eight-hour day to be opened in New Haven this week and later at Waterbury and Hartford, also will be considered. The alleged grievances at the Remington plant relate to the pollsters, who claim they were promised an advance in wages.

PROTESTANTS PRAY FOR INJURED CLERIC

Winona, Minn., Aug. 30.—Three days have passed since the shooting of Edward Patrick R. Heffron by Father J. J. Leschke, a deaconed priest, and a layman adverse symptoms have developed. Prayers for the bishop's recovery were offered in all Catholic churches throughout the Winona diocese yesterday and also in many Protestant churches. Father Leschke, in his cell at the county jail, is pleased at the news that the bishop will probably recover.

State Takes Appeal Upon Pay Decision

Fergus Injunction Suit to Be Carried to Supreme Court for Final Settlement.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 30.—Through Attorney General F. J. Lacey the state of Illinois took an appeal to the supreme court today from the decision of Judge Creighton of the Sangamon county circuit court in which he granted injunctions Saturday which tied up approximately \$200,000 of state funds—salaries of many state officers for two years and mileage for the legislators and the lieutenant governor. Attorney Fayette S. Munro of Highland Park, representing John B. Fergus, a Chicago tax payer, notified the attorney general that he would inform him before the expiration of ten days what points he would include in his cross errors.

Immediately after granting the appeal to the October term of the supreme court, Judge Creighton adjourned this term of the circuit court. His court will reconvene Sept. 6.

It was understood here today that the chief items which Attorney Munro is likely to include in his cross errors were those included in the omnibus bill, which were vetoed in part by Governor Duggan. Attorney Munro's contention was that where the governor changed a single item it acted as an automatic veto, on the ground that if he were permitted to change items at will, instead of simply exercising his veto power, he would be exercising legislative powers. Many members of the legislature have expressed themselves in sympathy with this part of Attorney Munro's suits.

Attorney General Lacey said today that he would file with the circuit court clerk within a few days to order the court costs of an appeal.

BRITISH DELIVER FORTY TONS GOLD

Money Placed in New York Sub-Treasury to Help Pay for Huge Purchases of War Munitions.

New York, Aug. 30.—Forty-two tons of gold, worth nearly \$20,000,000, and securities valued close to \$25,000,000 were in the vaults of the United States sub-treasury here today to help pay for Great Britain's huge purchases of war munitions. The gold and securities arrived yesterday from London via Halifax, consigned to J. P. Morgan & Co., purchasing agent for the British government.

The gold was American coin which has been shipped to England in years of trade indifference by this country to England and the securities were all American issues. This shipment, it is estimated, brings to the grand total of gold and collateral sent here by and through Canada to \$172,000,000 since the beginning of the war. During the same period, however, about \$90,000,000 was sent from New York to the account of the Bank of England at Ottawa, but this was in the early months of the war, before the trade balance shifted to this side of the Atlantic.

Violent Fight in Argonne Section

French Report Having Seriously Damaged German Trenches During Night Engagement.

Paris, Aug. 30 (2:30 p. m.)—Violent artillery fighting took place yesterday evening at many points in the Argonne district, as a result of which the trenches of the Germans were seriously damaged, according to the French official report of this afternoon.

The text of the communication follows:

"Yesterday evening saw severe artillery fighting, accompanied by the explosion of mines and engagements with bombs and hand grenades at a large number of positions in the Argonne district. The trenches of the enemy were seriously damaged at Courtes (Chasse Meurissons) and at Bolante."

"The advent of night brought relative quiet to this region, as well as on the rest of the front."

PLAN TO STIMULATE INTEREST FOR NAVY

Washington, D. C., Aug. 30.—To date 103 formal enlisted men have joined the naval reserve established by act of congress approved March 3, 1915. Suggestions are being considered as to an amendment to the law so as to stimulate enlistment in the reserve. While the enlistment has not been large during the few months in which the law has been in operation, those in the naval reserve outnumber those in the army reserve.

DRIVE TO END WITH GALICIA FREE OF RUSS

This Accomplished, It Is Believed Teutons Will Turn to the Near East.

BUG LINES PIERCED

Nicholas Cannot Afford to Hold Positions Because of Danger to Army.

Berlin, Aug. 30, via London, 4:10 p. m.—German forces have made a further advance on the fortress of Grodno, the only fortified position near the German border which still remains in the Russian possession. Official announcement was made here today of the capture of Lipak, in northern Russian Poland, about 29 miles to the west of Grodno.

The statement follows:

"There are no special incidents to report from the western theatre of war."

"Eastern theatre: Army group of Field Marshal von Hindenburg. The troops of General von Bezelet are stationed in the region surrounding the bridgehead south of Friedrichstadt. In an engagement east of the Niborn, the army of General von Eichen reached a point northeast of Olin. An additional 1,600 prisoners and seven cannon were captured. In the direction of Grodno, the town of Lipak, on the Boho river, was taken by storm and forced to surrender. The Widra, a tributary of the Sukelga, was crossed by our troops. The eastern border of the forest directly east of Bialystok has been reached at several points."

"Army group of Prince Leopold: In the Bioblozh forest, fighting goes on for possession of the crossing over the upper Nefek. German and Austro-Hungarian troops under General von Woytack drove the enemy out of his position south of Schedol, on the eastern border of the forest, and at Sierosow and are now closely pursuing him."

"Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen: In order to render possible their retreat the Russians made a stand only more yesterday on the line Koddulno district, south of Koldin. They were defeated, although they fought back and threw into the battle some divisions which previously had been falling back."

Canot Afford to Hold River.

London, Aug. 30, (11:44 a. m.)—Reports from the eastern front indicating that the Austrians and Germans are engaged in an effort to clear the last corner of Galicia still held by their opponents has created great interest here.

The Russian lines on the upper Bug and the Zlota Lipa have been pierced, and it is now yet clear how serious a resistance is being offered to the vast enveloping movement from the south.

Having lost Brest-Litovsk, Grand Duke Nicholas cannot afford to hold the river positions in the south in the face of an important movement, for to do so would endanger his armies. The opinion is ventured by some English critics that this latest move may conclude for the present the great offensive effort against the Russians, which has been in progress since May, and that once Austrian soil is cleared of the invaders a new campaign may be undertaken by the Teutonic forces. This time in the near east. In support of this the story is cited that these powers are massing troops near the Rumanian border.

The week-end witnessed violent and almost continuous activity on the part of the artillery of the allies all the way from the North sea to the Vosges. There are no indications, however, that this expenditure of big gun munitions is being followed by infantry attacks.

London is again awaiting official reports from the British or French authorities concerning the campaign at the Dardanelles, where, according to Constantinople, heavy fighting is under way.

SUNKEN SUBMARINE BEING PUT IN DOCK

Honolulu, T. H., Aug. 30.—Work preliminary to the dry docking of the submarine F-4, lost with 22 men March 26 and raised yesterday in Honolulu harbor, was under way today. It was expected the craft would be placed in dry dock tomorrow. Until then nothing definite can be announced as to what caused the disaster.

The F-4 was raised by the pontoon method, six special pontoons, each with a lifting capacity of 50 tons, having been constructed at the Mare Island, California navy yard for the purpose when all other methods proved unavailing.

Tags Hung on Travelers in Sub Sea Zone

Passengers Aboard French Ship Reaching N. Y. Wear Identification Cards.

New York, Aug. 30.—Passengers arriving here today aboard the steamer Espagne from Bordeaux wore identification tags, issued to them before sailing, so that they might be identified in case German submarines should send their ship to the bottom while they were passing through the war zone.

It was the first time that such tags had been worn by passengers aboard a liner reaching here from Europe since the war began.

To escape submarines, the Espagne sailed at 2 o'clock on the morning of Aug. 21 shortly after the sinking of the Arabic had become known. Her officers and passengers were apprehensive of their own fate, but the trip was made without special incident.

PERSHING VISITS SCENE OF TRAGEDY

Wife and Children Had No Chance, He Says, After Inspecting Building Where They Died.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 30.—Brigadier General Pershing, who was en route today to Cheyenne, Wyo., and the bodies of his wife and three little girls, knew when he left here last yesterday every available detail regarding their death in the destruction last Friday of their residence at the Presidio military reservation. With Major Henry H. Whitney, post commander and an intimate friend of the bereaved officer, as a guide, General Pershing soon after his arrival from Texas visited the ruins and asked many questions.

He inspected the charred floor in front of the dining room gate, where the conflagration is believed to have started, and then made his way up the fire-swept stairway to view the bedroom of his wife and children on the second floor. After a glance at the fallen roof in the front room, where the four bodies were found, he turned away. "They had no chance," was his comment. "I wanted to see that for myself."

The funeral party, which includes the general's 6-year-old son, Warren, the only survivor of the Pershing family, and United States Senator Francis E. Warren and Mrs. Warren, parents of Mrs. Pershing, is due to arrive at Cheyenne, the home of the Warrens, tomorrow morning.

PAROLED PRISONER IS SEEKING RETURN

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 30.—A man who said his name was William Clark, shivering from cold, walked into the police station last night and asked the desk officer to send him "back to the penitentiary at Chester, Ill."

"When did you escape?" the desk sergeant asked.

"I didn't escape," said the man. "I was paroled, but for a man in my line, this fight out in the world is a losing game and I want to go back to my old cell."

Clark said he was 27 years old and was sent up from Chicago for one to 14 years. A few weeks ago he was paroled, he said, but penniless, without references or friends and in competition against other unemployed men, life had become unendurable.

The penitentiary authorities have been notified, Clark said they told him if he failed to find work he could return to prison.

Derailment Attempt Denied.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 30.—A story that an attempted derailment of a munitions train was frustrated near Gary yesterday was denied today. The story is said to have grown out of a slight railroad accident which occurred two months ago.

Acts for Belligerents.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 30.—Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople has taken over the diplomatic interests of Italy, Russia and Montenegro.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Fair and slightly warmer tonight; Tuesday fair and warmer. Temperature at 7 a. m. 44. Highest yesterday, 62. Lowest last night, 40. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 7 miles per hour.

Precipitation, .02 inch. Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 76; at 7 a. m., 76; at 1 p. m. today, 85. Stage of water, 4.4; a fall of 2 in last 48 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ENGLAND TO LIFT EMBARGO ON GERMAN GOODS ORDERED BY IMPORTERS OF AMERICA

DUAL EXISTENCE LED BY A BANKER

Prominent Citizen of Arkansas, Said to Have Confessed Crooked Deal Elsewhere.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 30.—After maintaining for years the dual identity of banker and prominent citizen of Forrest City, Ark., and alleged forger of realty documents in other parts of the country, John W. Kline of St. Louis is under arrest here today. He has confessed, according to detectives, swindles aggregating more than \$500,000.

As a bank director in the Arkansas city, Kline was known as John W. Barnhardt. He had been urged to become a candidate for a member of the state senate. In Forrest City he and his family were socially prominent.

Kline (or Barnhardt) was arrested here last night. He had escaped two weeks ago, the police said, from Waukegan, Wis., where his methods in attempting to mortgage property brought him under suspicion.

The hundreds of complaints against Kline charge that he would go into a rich farming community, inquire for a good farm which he might buy, and then would get acquainted with men of money. When he had selected a farm, it was charged, he either borrowed the deed and made out a bogus deed to himself, or he bought the farm, paid for it with a check and took possession of the deed.

As soon as the deed was safely recorded in his name, Kline, his accusers say, mortgaged it. By the time the check was returned marked "no funds," he had gone back to Arkansas to become a banker again.

The police say Kline is worth more than \$350,000.

Barnhardt today said he would return to Wisconsin without requisition. To a reporter he said that for several years he had evaded arrest by the use of assumed names.

Dispatches today from Council Bluffs, Iowa, Kansas City, Mo., Waukegan, Wis., Kalamazoo, Mich., and Danville, Ill., indicate that a man believed to be Barnhardt had been involved in swindling operations in or near those cities.

Clinton, Iowa, Aug. 30.—Under the name of W. W. Langer, a swindler believed to be Kline swindled Matthew Rodder of Clinton out of \$3,000, about ten years ago, using a forged deed and notarial seal in the transaction.

Danville, Ill., Aug. 30.—Four years ago George Adler secured a loan of \$5,500 from Captain Edwin Winter, progressive ticket at the last election. He secured the loan through the borrowed deed plan.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Aug. 30.—Local officers claim that John W. Kline, under arrest in St. Louis, operated his alleged bogus deed system in this county five years ago and secured \$2,500. He is said to have been known here as Philip Galvick.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Aug. 30.—In 1904 a man giving the name of Joseph Fisher and also John M. Birkman, victimized a number of capitalists in this vicinity by means of fraudulent deeds and mortgages. N. P. Dodge, Sr., of Council Bluffs, lost \$5,000. Some months ago a man arrested in Minnesota under the name of George Adler is understood by the local police to have confessed the Council Bluffs swindle among others. The identity of the man has not been positively established, however.

Waukegan, Wis., Aug. 30.—District Judge Sheriff David Roberts today left for Madison to obtain extradition papers to bring Adler back to this city to stand trial on charges of forgery, jail delivery and attempted murder, when he assaulted it is alleged, Trustor Sheriff Roberts with a gas pipe in effecting his escape from the Waukegan county jail.

Sheriff John Sleep, District Attorney M. Newton and Milton W. Evans have left for St. Louis.

Authorities say that operators of a detective agency have had Adler under surveillance since he left Chicago for St. Louis three days ago.

Germans Buying Munitions Here. Chicago, Ill., Aug. 30.—George J. Gelschow, secretary of Phillips, Gelschow & Co., is quoted in the Daily News today as stating that he is a stockholder in a firm which is making 100,000 six-inch shells for the United States army, and that the German government, like the allies, is purchasing munitions of war in the American market.

Pounds Sterling Still Lower.

New York, Aug. 30.—England's \$45,000,000 shipment of gold and securities, which reached here yesterday from Halifax, produced no effect whatever today on foreign exchange rates. Pounds sterling were quoted at \$24.57, the lowest value ever recorded. France also were weaker, their price being 6.90.

State Department Advised by Ambassador That Concessions Will Be Made.

AID TO HOLIDAY TRADE

Toys and Other Christmas Merchandise Will Be Permitted to Come Through.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Concessions in the enforcement of the British order in council were announced today as a result of the informal conference completed by the foreign trade advisers of the state department.

The British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, assured the trade advisers that their informal representation in cases where the British orders have caused "undue hardship" to American commerce will receive special consideration.

The ambassador called at the state department personally to explain the extent of the British concessions which are specifically intended to meet the growing complaint of American importers that their Christmas trade is threatened by failure to obtain goods made in Germany and Austria, for which they had contracted.

Generally speaking, it is the intention of the British government to permit the passage through the blockade lines of goods for which the American importers have entered into contract with German and Austrian firms.

Heretofore it has been required that the money shall have actually been paid for the goods. Now it will be sufficient to show that they were regularly contracted for and that the American importer is really the person responsible for them and title rests with him.

Millions in Cargoes Held Up. Goods valued at many millions of dollars have accumulated at Rotterdam and await transportation to the United States. The order applies to these, but whether it will extend to goods yet in German factories but under contract for delivery on this side of the Atlantic is yet undetermined.

The entire responsibility for the holding of dyestuffs of German manufacture intended for America is placed by the British authorities upon the German government, and it is alleged that a contrary impression has been sought to be created because of ill-feeling against Great Britain. To set itself right in this matter the British embassy today issued the following statement:

"On April 14 a formal notice was issued by the British government that they would allow resins carrying two shipments of dyestuffs, which were paid for by delivery in Germany of certain cotton cargoes to pass without interference, provided the vessels sailed under a neutral flag; that the shipments were made from Rotterdam, and the dyestuffs consigned to the secretary of commerce for distribution to the textile industries."

"This offer, which was refused by Germany, still holds good."

PLANS INCREASE ARMY'S OFFICERS

Secretary Garrison Directs War College to Submit Program for Adding to Forces.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 30.—Secretary Garrison has directed the war college to submit plans for securing additional regular army officers and a corps of reserve officers both for the regular army and for a volunteer army or any other force which congress may authorize.

This step was taken with a view to making recommendation to congress at its coming session. Secretary Daniels is also expected to recommend additional officers for the navy regardless of the building program yet to be decided upon. A plan is under consideration, it is understood, by which the number of officers in the navy would be placed on the basis of its tonnage. Under such a system there would be automatic increase in the number of officers as the number of ships have increased.

Baltimore Drops Bender.

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 30.—The unconditional release of Pitcher "Chief" Bender was announced today by the management of the Baltimore Federal league club. Bender was formerly with the Philadelphia Athletics and for years ranked as one of the most famous pitchers in the game.